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## IIASA Symposium on Fairness and Siting

Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer & Ragnar E. Löfstedt, *Introduction*

The symposium editors note that, while there is no recipe for successful siting, some of the critical ingredients are identified here.

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Benjamin Davy, *Fairness as Compassion: Towards a Less Unfair Facility Siting Policy*

Dr. Davy argues that siting efforts fail because of perceived injustices and urges authorities to search more aggressively for ways to avoid injustice and to cope with the anguish of those who may be unavoidably shortchanged.

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Howard Kunreuther, Paul Slovic & Donald MacGregor, *Risk Perception and Trust: Challenges for Facility Siting*

Among other things, the authors attribute siting failures to the erosion of trust in government and industry and to the closely-linked public perceptions of the risks of toxic and nuclear waste.

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Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer & Kevin B. Fitzgerald, *Conflicting Views on Fair Siting Processes: Evidence from Austria and the U.S.*

The authors maintain that, by granting legitimacy to different notions of fairness and building on common values such as responsibility, it is possible to design siting procedures that promote social cohesion, trust and a sense of fair play.

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Ragnar E. Löfstedt, *Fairness across Borders: The Barsebäck Nuclear Power Plant*

Dr. Löfstedt discusses the escalation of a controversy between Denmark and Sweden over nuclear reactors at Barsebäck in southern Sweden. He also discusses research that might lead to resolution of the dispute.

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Ortwin Renn, Thomas Webler & Hans Kastenholtz, *Procedural and Substantive Fairness in Landfill Siting: A Swiss Case Study*

The authors describe the design and implementation of a process for siting a landfill. They see it as an application of procedural equity expressed in discourse ethic philosophy — one that includes checks for competence and substantive fairness.

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Michael Thompson, *Unsiteability: What Should It Tell Us?*

Dr. Thompson argues that if rich countries can effortlessly be rid of noxious wastes, they will not receive signals encouraging better lines of development — by market, as well as hierarchical and egalitarian, criteria.

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Anna Vari, *Public Perceptions about Equity & Fairness: Siting Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities in the U.S. and Hungary*

Based on comparative research, Dr. Vari recommends, e.g., that main actors' views about criteria for processes and outcomes be explored and that agreement be negotiated before a siting process is planned.

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A cumulative, annotated index to Risk is on the internet at <http://www.fplc.edu/tfield/rskindx.htm>. It can be downloaded there, or we will mail it (ascii) following receipt of a preformatted disk.

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### Risk in a Modern Society: Lessons from Europe Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis (Europe) 3-5 June 1996

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